

Frederick County Health Care Coalition
Prescription Medication Work Group Meeting Minutes
January 17, 2007

Chair: W. Russell Byrne, MD

Members Present: Tom Werner
Heather Kirby
Kim and Dianne Vander Weyden
Katherine Murray
Todd Johnson

1. Medication Resource Listing: The most recent version of the list of resources, originally provided by Bonnie Bramwell of Frederick Medbank, was reviewed and approved. The list will be circulated via e-mail until we reach our best final version.

Next steps:

- Chair or Melinda will forward the final version to the ICCC with subsequent distribution to other coalition committees as appropriate.
 - Katherine Murray and Heather Kirby will distribute to medical offices and appropriate FMH personnel via email once it is final.
 - Website: The committee expects that the list will also be posted on a convenient, accessible website.
2. Website: The website constructed by Tom Werner is complete. Tom obtained written approval from Wal-Mart, Target, and Giant Eagle to allow links to the pages on their websites. The lists include all of the medications covered by each of the above pharmacy programs that offer a month supply of selected generic drugs for \$4. This information will update real time as the various companies update their sites; this remains true unless the company changes their web address.

Next steps: Find a host for the website. The committee needs to follow up with Melinda to see if it is possible to host this information on the Frederick County Health Dept. website.

3. Flow chart: This chart demonstrates the complex issues related to medication accessibility and the processes required to receive assistance. The flow chart was beautifully presented as a large printed poster.

Next Steps: Minor changes were suggested – Dr Byrnes would implement changes.

4. The committee discussed our progress toward Objectives 25 and 26. We are very close to achieving two of our three goals. Objective 27 is much more difficult to achieve and may involve legislative issues.

Next steps: Complete the two goals by distributing information we have compiled to residents of Frederick County and health care providers. Other possible venues for distribution of materials may include churches, Salvation Army, Red Cross, Chamber of Commerce, schools, and libraries.

5. Membership: The need to include a pharmacist on the membership of this committee was discussed.

Next steps:

- Kim and Diane Vander Weyden know a retired pharmacist who may be interested. Kim will contact him, and he will contact Dr. Byrne if he is interested and/or available.
- There was also a discussion about finding a physician replacement for Dr. Byrne, and several possibilities were entertained.
- Replacement of Dr. Byrne as the Chair was discussed, but no solution was reached. FAA will consider and discuss with Mike. This issue will be brought up again at the next meeting, Feb 21.

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be from 4-6 PM on Feb 21, in one of the classrooms at FMH.